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# FINAL AGENDA

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

**TUESDAY, October 9, 2001**

**7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**WEDNESDAY, October 10, 2001**

**9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Upper Terrace Room  
WestCoast Yakima Center Hotel  
607 East Yakima Avenue  
Yakima, Washington 98901

***EMERGENCY MESSAGE PHONE DURING THE MEETING: (360) 561-9487***

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE:** Times below are estimates only. The Board reserves the right to alter the order of the agenda. For information regarding testimony, handouts, other questions or for people needing special accommodation, please contact Desiree Day Robinson at the Board office at (360) 236-4110 by October 5, 2001. This meeting site is barrier free.

**FINAL AGENDA****AGENDA – October 9, 2001**

- 7:00 p.m.            **Call to Order\*\***
- 7:05 p.m.            1. **Briefing on the Emergency Response Capacity of the Public Health System in Washington State**
- **Washington State Board of Health**  
*Marianne Seifert, WSBOH Staff*  
*Carl Osaki, WSBOH Member*
  - **Department of Health**  
*Mary Selecky, Secretary*
  - **UW School of Public Health and Community Medicine**  
*Mark Oberle, Associate Dean*
  - **Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials**  
*Larry Jecha, MD, MPH, Health Officer, Benton-Franklin Health District & Klickitat Count Health Department*
  - **Public Health Seattle/King County**  
*Jeffrey S. Duchin, M.D., Chief, Communicable Disease Control, Epidemiology and Immunization Section*
  - **Washington State Hospital Association**  
*Chris Martin, Administrative Director, Emergency Services, Harborview Medical Center*
  - **Other Community Partners**
- 9:00 p.m.            **Adjournment**

**AGENDA – October 10, 2001**

- 9:00 a.m.            **Call to Order\*\***
1. **Approval of Agenda—Action**
  2. **July Minutes—Adoption**
- 9:15 a.m.            3. **Welcome – Yakima Health District**
- *Dennis Klukan, Administrator*
- 9:25 a.m.            4. **Update on Food Safety in Adult Family Homes**
- *Marianne Seifert, WSBOH Staff*
  - *Carl Osaki, WSBOH Member*
- 9:30 a.m.            5. **Food Worker Card Fees (WAC 246-217-030)**

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- *Marianne Seifert, WSBOH Staff*
- *Carl Osaki, WSBOH Member*
- *John Thayer, Administrator, Klickitat County Health Department (chair retired), past Food Committee Chair, WSALPHO Environmental Health Directors*

**- Board Discussion and Possible Action**

- 10:00 a.m.      6. Briefing on On-Site Sewage Advisory Committee Report**
- *Marianne Seifert, WSBOH Staff*
  - *Carl Osaki, WSBOH Member*
  - *Bill White, Assistant Secretary, Environmental Health, DOH*
  - *Maryanne Guichard, Director, Environmental Health and Safety, DOH*
- 10:30 a.m.      7. SBOH Staff Announcements and Other Board Business**
- *Don Sloma, WSBOH Executive Director*
- 10:45 a.m.      Adjourn to Joint Conference on Health Presentation by Laurie Garrett, Author of *Betrayal of Trust: The Collapse of Global Public Health***
- 12:00 p.m.      LUNCH**
- 1:30 p.m.      8. Challenges in Building Public Health Infrastructure**
- *Laurie Garrett, Pulitzer Prize Winning Author*
- Board Discussion**
- 2:30 p.m.      9. Department of Health Update**
- *Mary Selecky, Secretary, Department of Health*
- 2:40 p.m.      10. Children's Health And Well Being: Report On Cross-State Survey Of School Entry Requirements**
- *Doreen Garcia, WSBOH Staff*
  - *Vickie Ybarra, WSBOH Member and Committee Chair*
- Board Discussion and Possible Action**
- 2:55 p.m.      11. Auditory and Visual Standards (WAC 246-760)**
- *Doreen Garcia, WSBOH Staff*
  - *Vickie Ybarra, WSBOH Member and Committee Chair*
- Board Discussion and Possible Action**
- 3:00 p.m.      12. Scoliosis Screening – School Districts (WAC 246-762)**
- *Doreen Garcia, WSBOH Staff*

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- *Vickie Ybarra, WSBOH Member and Committee Chair*

**- Board Discussion and Possible Action**

- 3:05 p.m. 13. Review of Environmental Justice Guidelines**
- *Marianne Seifert, WSBOH Staff*
- Board Discussion and Possible Action**
- 3:25 p.m. 14. Summary of Board Work Session on 2001-03 Priorities**
- *Craig McLaughlin, WSBOH Staff*
- Board Discussion and Possible Action**
- 3:35 p.m. 15. Draft Work Plan – Children’s Health and Well Being (Phase II)**
- *Doreen Garcia, WSBOH Staff*
  - *Vickie Ybarra, WSBOH Member and Committee Chair*
- 3:50 p.m. 16. Draft Work Plan – Genetics Task Force**
- *Don Sloma, WSBOH Staff*
  - *Linda Lake, WSBOH Chair and Committee Chair*
- Board Discussion and Possible Action**
- 4:05 p.m. 17. Draft Work Plan – Access to Critical Health Services (Phase II)**
- *Don Sloma, WSBOH Staff*
  - *Thomas Locke, WSBOH Member and Committee*
- Board Discussion and Possible Action**
- 4:15 p.m. 18. Review of Plan for Warren Featherstone Reid Award**
- *Craig McLaughlin, WSBOH Staff*
- Board Discussion and Possible Action**
- 4:20 p.m. 19. State Health Report**
- *Craig McLaughlin, WSBOH Staff*
- Board Discussion and Possible Action**
- 4:30 p.m. Public Testimony**

**Adjournment**

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*For more information contact the Board office at (360) 236-4110.*

As of: October 3, 2001

**Conferences**

**1. Disease Management Association of America's Third Annual Disease Management Leadership Forum**

*Sponsored by: Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations*

*October 11, 2001, Hyatt Hotel, New Orleans, LA*

*For more information, contact JCAHO at (630) 792-5692*

**2. National Managed Health Care Congress' 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Disease Management Congress and Exposition**

*Sponsored by: Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations*

*October 23, 2001, Sheraton Hotel, Boston, MA*

*For more information, contact JCAHO at (630) 792-5692*

**3. American Association of Health Plans' 2001 Quality Conference**

*Sponsored by: Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations*

*October 25, 2001, Fairmont Hotel, Chicago, IL*

*For more information contact, JCAHO at (630) 792-5692*

**4. "Putting Measurement to Work: What States Can Do To Improve the Quality of Health Care Delivered to Adults"**

*Sponsored by: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality User Liaison Program*

*October 17-19, 2001, Philadelphia, PA*

*For more information, contact Laurie Belden at (207) 874-6524*

**5. Training Institute on Cultural Competency in Health Care**

*Sponsored by: Cross Cultural Health Care Program*

*October 22-26, 2001, in Seattle, WA*

*For more information, call CCHCP at (206) 621-4474 or visit Web site at [www.xculture.org](http://www.xculture.org)*

**6. Community-Based Participatory Research In Public Health~ Symposia Series**

*Sponsored by: WK Kellogg Foundation*

*October 12, 2001, University of Washington, Seattle, WA*

*For more information, contact Rose Coroneos at (206) 616-3472 and for directions, visit Web site at [www.washington.edu/home/maps/southcentral.html](http://www.washington.edu/home/maps/southcentral.html)*

**7. Introduction to Health Care EDI Standards**

*Sponsored by: EDI Partners, Ltd.*

*October 19, 2001, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA*

*For more information, contact (952) 927-0784 or visit Web site at [www.edipartners.com](http://www.edipartners.com)*

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*Sponsored by: Lorman Educational Services*

*October 25, 2001, at the Tacoma Rhodes Center, Tacoma, WA*

*For more information, contact Lorman Educational Services at (715) 833-3959 and for a schedule, visit Web site at [www.lorman.com](http://www.lorman.com)*

**9. HIPAA Compliance: The Next Phase of Healthcare Privacy for Hospitals**

*Sponsored by: American Conference Institute*

*October 25-26, 2001, National Press Club, Washington D.C.*

*For more information, contact Jennifer DeMoney at (202) 638-5687 or via E-Mail at [jennifer.demoney@healthlegacy.org](mailto:jennifer.demoney@healthlegacy.org)*

**10. HELP: Second Annual Conference on National Health Outcomes Database**

*Sponsored by: The Health Legacy Partnership*

*October 30, 2001, Warwick Hotel, New York, NY*

*For more information, visit Web site at [www.americanconference.com](http://www.americanconference.com)*

**11. Appropriate Drug Use and Prescription Drug Programs: Adding Value by Improving Quality**

*Sponsored by: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality User Liaison Program and U.S. Pharmacopoeia*

*November 5-7, 2001, Denver, CO*

*For more information, call Jill Vanderweit at (202) 292-6700*

**12. Seminars in Health Services Research Methods**

*Sponsored by: Academy for Health Services Research and Health Policy*

*November 5-7, 2001, DoubleTree Hotel Rockville, Rockville, MD*

*For more information, visit Web site at [www.academyhealth.org/seminars/fall2001/register](http://www.academyhealth.org/seminars/fall2001/register)*

**13. Healthcare Policy Outlook**

*Sponsored by: Washington State Department of Health and Washington Clinical Laboratory Advisory Council. Co-Sponsored by Washington State Society for Clinical Laboratory Science*

*November 12, 2001, Seattle Marriott Sea Tac Hotel, Seattle, WA*

*For more information call Leonard Kargacin at (206) 361-2804.*

**14. Community-Based Participatory Research In Public Health~ Symposia Series**

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*November 16, 2001, University of Washington, Seattle, WA*

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**15. National Conference of State Legislatures Fifth Annual Health Policy Conference**

*Sponsored by: National Conference of State Legislatures*

*November 16- November 18, 2001, Elliot Grand Hyatt, Seattle, WA*

*For more information, contact NCSL's meeting department at (303) 830-2200 and for directions, visit Web site at [www.ncsl.org/programs/health/health.htm](http://www.ncsl.org/programs/health/health.htm)*

**16. Seventh Annual Community Care Networking Conference**

*Sponsored by: National Association of Community Health Centers, Inc.*

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November 29- December 1, 2001, Hyatt Regency, New Orleans, LA  
Improving Health Through Community Networks.

***For more information, call 504-561-1234***

**17. Trends in Health Care Delivery Systems: Managed Care and Other Alternatives**

*Sponsored by: The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality*

December 3 – December 5, 2001, Memphis, TN

***For more information, call (202)-728-9469***

**18. Fifteenth Annual Northwest Regional Rural Health Conference: Mission Impossible**

*Sponsored by: The Washington Rural Health Association And Washington Statewide Office of Rural Health*

March 21 – March 22, 2002, WestCoast Grand Hotel at the Park. Spokane, WA

***For more information, call Cathi Lamoreux at (800) 279-0705***

**Correspondence from the Board****1. Letter Of Support To Mr. Steven Macdonald, Office Of Epidemiology, DOH For CDC Asthma Grant**

*Source: Washington State Board of Health, August 10, 2001*

Agrees to support the proposal to coordinate an organized multi-disciplinary public health approach to asthma in the Washington State Department of Health through collaboration with other state agencies, local health agencies and non-governmental organizations

**2. Letter to Ms. Susan Pfeifer, Co-Chair, Child Death Review Team, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department**

*Source: Washington State Board of Health, May 23, 2001*

RCW 43.20 and RCW 70.83 authorize the Board of Health to develop rules on newborn screening—rules are contained in Chapter 246-650 WAC—WAC review process

**3. Transmittal Letter, Health Disparities Report to People and Organizations Named Below**

*Source: Linda Lake and Joe Finkbonner, Washington State Board of Health, July 17, 2001*

A letter detailing the issues of Health Disparities

- Dennis Braddock, Secretary, Department of Social and Health Services
- Mary Selecky, Secretary, Department of Health
- Washington State Hospital Association
- Washington Association of Community & Migrant Health Centers
- Group Health Community Foundation
- Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials
- Department of Social and Health Services
- Washington State Nurses Association
- Washington State Medical Association
- Washington State Dental Association

**4. Letter To Ms. Barbara Stuhling, On Seatac Airport Air Quality**

*Source: Carl Osaki, Washington State Board of Health, August 6, 2001*

Letter to thank Barbara Stuhling for correspondence on the Board Committee's proposed final report on Environmental Justice.

**5. Letter To Interested Parties**

*Source: Washington State Board of Health, August 17, 2001*

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Letter concerning the State Board of Health's review of Prenatal Screening (WAC 246-680)

**6. Letter To Interested Parties**

*Source: Vickie Ybarra, RN, MPH*

Letter concerning the review of Visual and Auditory Screening Rule (WAC 246-760)

**Correspondence to the Board****1. Letter to Don Sloma, Executive Director, Washington State Board of Health**

*Source: National Academy for State Health Policy*

A letter reporting on the second National Survey of the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

**2. Letter To State Agency Directors, Campaign To Promote Physical Activity**

*Source: Mary Selecky, Secretary, Washington State Department of Health*

Encourage employees to be healthy, be active – 30 minutes a day, at least 10 minutes at a time, five days a week

**3. Follow-Up Letter to Mr. Marc Gaspard**

*Source: Mary Selecky, Washington State Department of Health, August 29, 2001*

A letter regarding the Health Professional Loan Repayment and Scholarship Program

**4. Memo to the Board of Health Regarding the Department of Health's Reviews of Existing Rules**

*Source: Jan Haywood, Manager, Regulatory & Legislative Affairs, Environmental Health Programs, Department of Health*

*A memo containing recommendations for disposition of eight existing rules:*

- WAC 246-100-191: Animals, Birds, Pets—Measures to prevent human disease
- WAC 246-100-201: Birds—Measures to prevent psittacosis
- Chapter 246-203 WAC: General Sanitation
- Chapter 246-262 WAC: Recreational Water Contact Facilities
- Chapter 246-294 WAC: Drinking Water Operating Permits
- Chapter 246-295 WAC: Satellite System Management Agencies (SMA)
- Chapter 246-374 WAC: Outdoor Music Festivals
- Chapter 246-376 WAC: Camps

**General Interest****Publications****1. A FAAP'S Fables**

*Source: American Academy of Pediatrics July 2001*

In this Issue: Vaccine Program safe after near miss; kudos and a farewell... Summary and comment on the 2001 legislature, so far...Autism-MMR association closely scrutinized, AAP issues new guidelines on autism... National data on where children drown... Pediatric patients and medication errors...Gulf

War and sanctions: effects on health care in Iraq

For more information visit Web site at [www.wcaap.org](http://www.wcaap.org)

**2. Communities In Action Network**

*Source: Lifelong Aids Alliance, August, 2001*



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In this Issue: President's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS Reauthorized...DOH Begins Prevention Study Committee...Election 2001...Massachusetts Panel Rules Against Liver Transplant for HIV-Positive Patient... National Call to Commitment

***For more information, call Hotline (206) 957-1760, or via email at [Action@lifelongaidsalliance.org](mailto:Action@lifelongaidsalliance.org)***

**3. Disease Management Advisor**

*Source: National Health Information, LLC, August, 2001*

In this Issue: Making 'behavior change' the centerpiece of disease management...Group-visit concept now being considered for new populations...Consider timing of symptoms when treating GERD

***For more information, contact National Health Information at (404) 607-9500 or by fax (404) 607-0095***

**4. Disease Management Advisor**

*Source: National Health Information, LLC, September, 2001*

In this Issue: New survey sheds light on the state of the DM industry...Group-care concept finds an enthusiastic following among patients and providers involved in prenatal... Time to focus on the care of older asthmatics.

***For more information, contact National Health Information at (404) 607-9500 or by fax (404) 607-0095..***

**5. Health Data News**

*Source: Massachusetts Health Data Consortium, August 2001*

In this Issue: October 3 Panelists take on pharmaceutical cost with teamwork and education...Health Key Email Project achieves milestone...Conference schedule at a glance

***For more information call (781) 890-640 or visit Web site at [www.mahealthdata.org](http://www.mahealthdata.org)***

**6. Health Information Compliance Insider**

*Source: HIPAA, May 2001*

In this Issue: Document Patient Requests to Amend PHI...HIPAA Privacy Regulations Are Now Law...What You Should Know About HIPAA Penalties

***For more information, call (212) 473-8786***

**7. Health Information Compliance Insider**

*Source: HIPAA, July 2001*

In this Issue: Adopt E-Mail Policy to Protect Confidential Information...Adopt Privacy Slogan to Increase Staff Awareness

***For more information call (212) 473-8786 or visit Web site at [www.brownstone.com](http://www.brownstone.com)***

**8. HIPAA**

*Source: Health Information Privacy Alert, June 2001*

In this Issue: Genetic Nondiscrimination Gains Momentum in Washington...Privacy Clarifications at OMB...Blood Donor Notification Rules Draw No Privacy Comments...URAC Plans Closer Look at Privacy in UM...HHS Reverses Itself on SSN's in Child Insurance Program...AMA Updates Guidance on Use of E-Mail...AHIMA Advises Fax Machines Be Placed In Secure Areas...Med Residents Have Reduced Expectation of Privacy...State of Washington Hands All Insurers HIPAA Present...States Race to Adopt GLB Rules That Include Health Data

***For more information, contact HIPAA at (800) 424-4301 or visit Web site at [www.aha.org](http://www.aha.org)***

**9. Inside Healthcare Computing**

*Source: HIPAA, June 11, 2001*

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In this Issue: HIPAA ID Rules Ready...Eclipsys: Systems HIPAA-Ready...Electronic Eligibility...EDI Cut Clients AR 30%; But “Harder Than It Looks”...Four Translator ‘Gotchas’...Lan Vision Fortunes Rise

***For more information call (800) 294-6032***

**10. Issue Brief Findings from HSC**

*Source: Center for Studying Health Systems Change, July 2001*

In this Issue: Tax Credits Could Help Millions Get Coverage...Risk Selection Plagues the Individual Market...Debate over Ways to Make Tax Credits More Effective

***For more information call (202) 484-5261 or visit Web site at [www.hschange.org](http://www.hschange.org)***

**11. Issue Brief Findings from HSC**

*Source: Center for Studying Health Systems Change, August 2001*

In this Issue: Decline is Widespread...The Changing Medical Marketplace...Provision of Charity Care by Patient Care Physicians: Change from 1996-97 to 1998-99...Physicians Participation in Charity Care by Practice and Physician Characteristics, 1996-97 and 1998-99...Distribution of Physicians by Selected Characteristics, 1996-97 and 1998-99

***For more information call (202) 484-5261 or visit Web site at [www.hschange.org](http://www.hschange.org)***

**12. OCVAdvocate**

*Source: Washington State Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development, Office of Crime Victims Advocacy, Quarterly Newsletter, Spring 2001 Vol. 8 No. 4*

In this Issue: Sex Offenders In Our Midst: A Review of Community Notification; Civil Commitment; Contract & Application Information; Show Me The Money; Offender Accountability Act; Victims' Rights Week; The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; WCSAP 2001 Annual Conference; Upcoming Events.

***For more information, contact OCVA at (800) 822-1067 or (360) 725-2900, by email at [ocva@cted.wa.gov](mailto:ocva@cted.wa.gov), or visit Web site at [www.ocva.wa.gov](http://www.ocva.wa.gov)***

**13. OCVAdvocate**

*Source: Washington State Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development, Office of Crime Victims Advocacy, Quarterly Newsletter, Summer 2001 Vol. 9 No. 1*

In this Issue: Sex Offenders In Our Midst: Sexually Violent Predators Revisited; Violent Victimization Statistics; Funding Awarded to Washington State; Sex Offender Management Summit Summary; Upcoming Events

***For more information, contact OCVA at (800) 822-1067 or (360) 725-2900, by email at [ocva@cted.wa.gov](mailto:ocva@cted.wa.gov), or visit Web site at [www.ocva.wa.gov](http://www.ocva.wa.gov)***

**14. Power Points – Creative Solutions for Happier, Healthier Lives**

*Source: Empower Communications*

In this Issue: Back to School...Power Books... Fitness, Ten tips to jazz up your walk... Food for Thought... News Points...Points from the Trenches

***For more information, visit their Web site at [www.empowercommunications.com](http://www.empowercommunications.com) or by phone at 1-800-936-7978.***

**15. Report on Patient Privacy**

*Source: HIPAA Compliance, June 2001*

In this Issue: Centralizing Data Is the First Step in the Complex Task of Tracking Disclosures...Common Medical Record Abuses And Steps You Can Take to Prevent

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Them...Addressing Major HIPAA Issues Regarding Minors...Conduct Specialty Audits to Ensure Privacy of VIP Medical Records...Health Plans Comfort Seven Unique HIPAA Privacy Situations...Conducting A Privacy Gap Analysis...

**For more information, call (800) 521-4323 or visit Web site at [www.AISHealth.com](http://www.AISHealth.com)**

**16. Self-Inspection Program**

*Source: Spokane Regional Health District, Environmental Health Division, Summer Newsletter, 2001 Vol. 9*

In this Issue: Solving food safety before they become a public health concern; Proper storage for cold-held food; Having dishwashers in any food service operation; Energy Crisis; Tracking temperatures; Washing produce; Use of food permits; Cleaning and sanitizing tea brewing equipment; Locations and times for a Food and Beverage Workers Permit

**For more information, contact Environmental Health Division at (509) 324-1560**

**17. Seattle Times**

*Source: Seattle Times*

In this Issue: Pageler moves to cover reservoirs: Attacks put urgency on protecting water. Heightened concern about acts of bioterrorism may hasten a 20-year project to cover Seattle's reservoirs.

**For more information, contact The Seattle Times at [www.seattletimes.com](http://www.seattletimes.com)**

**18. State Health Notes**

*Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, May 7, 2001*

In this Issue:

Cover Story – In the Internet age, confidential medical files can be transmitted in a wink. New federal rules seek to protect patient privacy, but states are debating reforms that go even further, closing loopholes and imposing financial sanctions.

Behavioral Health Notes – Substance abuse takes a high toll, in human and financial terms. Three recent resources shed light on various aspects of the problem.

Highlights – “Code Blue” for IL Medicaid...Medicaid drug rebates...IA after welfare reform...Doctor discipline survey...Infants & Rx drug errors...Patient safety task force...DC mental health initiative...Rx drug abuse study...STDs in ME, OH...Gun deaths...CA nursing home review...Help for caregivers.

Tracking Trends – As the tobacco settlement money comes rolling in, states are looking at a variety of financial strategies.

Ideas & Innovations – San Francisco General Hospital is on the cutting edge of a response to domestic violence: training its staff to recognize and intervene.

**For more information, contact NCSL at (303) 830-2200.**

**19. States Health Notes**

*Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, July 2, 2001*

In this Issue: The Hazards of NGA – Style “Flexibility”... Reneging on a Deal... Talks Interrupted... Medicaid Spending and State Revenues... Yo –Yo Budgeting...New Pressures on Long Standing Efforts...Excluding Advocates...The Threat of Cutbacks...Defending Medicaid: A Baseline for Advocates... The Trouble with Tax Credits...Employer Subsidies... New Initiatives, New Voices...Making the Choices Clear... Endnotes

**For more information contact, NCSL at (303) 830-2200**

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*Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, July 30, 2001*

In this Issue:

Cover Story – August 22 marks the five-year anniversary of the signing of the federal welfare law.

Though the cash assistance rolls have fallen dramatically and work efforts is up, concerns about the families persist. A review of programs in Florida and Minnesota shed light on the promise and the perils of reform.

State Speak – Alan Leshner, director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, discusses the science of addiction.

Highlights – CA Blue Cross scorecard... IL Medicaid response...Transportation barriers...Income & heart disease...CA prostate cancer fund...Asthma tracking...NJ spinal cord research...Syphilis study...Call to Action, abstinence grants...IA ruling on AIDS transmission...Depression survey...Drug costs.

Tracking Trends – Here's an updates on the Ticket to Work law which helps disabled people work without fear of losing Medicaid coverage

FYI – After free clinics fell short, Los Angeles started the Breathmobile, a van that takes asthma education and treatment directly to schools

***For more information contact, NCSL at (303) 830-2200***

**21. WSPHA**

*Source: Washington State Public Health Association, Spring 2001*

In this Issue: Public Health Month 2001...President's Corner...8<sup>th</sup> Annual Joint Conference on Health...Summary of WSPHA January and March Board Meetings...Public Health Launches New Immunization Web Site...Summer Institute for Public Health Practice 2001...APHA Committee on Affiliates Holds Mid-year Meeting...Public Health Journal Gets a New Name and New Focus...Yakima County Immunization Survey Executive Summary...Public Health Loses a Pioneer...Send Resolutions! Public Health Field Placements & Thesis Project...Please Respond to this Survey...UW, School of Public Health and Community...Medicine Announce Certificate Program...Nominations Wanted for WSPHA Board...Exhibitor/Sponsor Information for the Joint Conference...Exhibitor/Sponsor Registration Form...Preliminary Program-2001 Joint Conference on Health...Registration for Joint Conference on Health...WSPHA Call for Award Nominations...WSPHA Award Nomination Form

***For more information, contact WSPHA on Web site at [www.wspha.org](http://www.wspha.org)***

**22. WSMA Reports**

*Source: Washington State Medical Association, July 2001*

In this Issue:

Newsclips - HIV infections may be up, Opening session of WSMA annual meeting, Physicians urged to follow U.S. Surgeon General's guidelines on treating tobacco dependence, Thurston County Medicaid may choose fee for service

CME's – Upcoming Courses

Risk Management – Dearth of common sense led to these malpractice losses

Trends Report – Crying the Blues: Health plans converting to for – profit businesses

Classifieds – Current ad listings

Newsmakers – Members making news

***For more information visit Web site at [www.wsma.org](http://www.wsma.org)***

**23. WSMA Reports**

*Source: Washington State Medical Association, August 2001*

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Newsclips - Regence offers defined contribution plan, DOH selects Permedion to conduct independent medical reviews, Providers urged to screen for chlamydeous, Free medication-review materials for patients from WSMA, Free Alzheimer's update available, WSMA Alliance Health Foundation

CME's – Upcoming courses

Update from Physicians Insurance – How to work with a difficult patient

Risk Management – Strange, unsettling incidents, anything can happen in the world of medicine

Health Care Economics – New Medicare coverage for treatment

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